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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application.

The Office action restricts the invention to one of the following groups of claims:

I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a device or apparatus; and

II. Claims 11 and 12, drawn to a method.

In response, applicant(s) provisionally elect(s) to prosecute claim(s) 1-10, with traverse.

Applicants' traversal is based on the fact that this amendment cures the reason given by the Examiner for the restriction. The Office action asserts that the product as claimed can be made by a materially different process, because the method recites cutting to form a device, while it may be possible to form the device of claim 1 by grinding instead of cutting. The amendment to claim 11 obviates this problem by replacing "cutting" with "shaping" thereby including any method of shaping the device including cutting, grinding, etc. The "cutting" feature is present in newly added claim 13, and in claim 12 that now depends from claim 13.

The amendment does not add any new matter at least because, as the Examiner notes in the Office action, the device as claimed already includes the possibility of grinding, etc. If it didn't, there wouldn't have been any basis for the original restriction. Additionally of course, an applicant is not

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required to teach, or even disclose, every possible embodiment of his invention that his claims can encompass. Additionally, the fact that applicant has taught at least one method of shaping the device as claimed is sufficient to provide support for claim 11.

Applicant(s) hereby conditionally cancel(s) the nonelected claim(s) without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter thereof in the event the examiner maintains the restriction requirement. Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claim(s) in a divisional or other continuing application.

Further examination of the application on its merits is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

11. (Amended) A method of constructing an active matrix device comprising ~~cutting~~ shaping a pre-formed active matrix device, the pre-formed device comprising a supporting plate, an array of picture elements, a set of row address conductors on the plate for addressing the array to which selection signals are applied by a row driver circuit, and a set of column address conductors on the plate to which data signals are applied by a column driver circuit for conduction to the array, wherein connection from the respective driver circuits to at least some of both sets of address conductors is via the same side of the array,

wherein the cutting step resulting shaping results in the profile of the plate around the other sides of the array being non-rectangular.

12. (Amended) ~~A method of Claim 11~~ The method of claim 13, wherein a laser is used in performing the cutting step.